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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] more than 3,000 infantry, tank, artillery and engineer troops were quartered in the barracks installation at the end of March. One Colonel Urbanov (fnu) who arrived at Hagenow two months ago was allegedly in command of the troops. 1

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2. [redacted] 15 three-story, concrete barracks buildings without basement, administrative buildings and a club were constructed on the premises of the former Daimler Plant in Wuensdorf-Zossen. Construction work was started on 1 April 1953 and is fixed for completion by 1 October 1953. At present, about 400 workers were employed at the building site. Their number was to be brought up to 800. 2

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3. Between 16 and 24 April, the troops of Rathenow post were transferred to Altengrafow. The guns were loaded at Rathenow-Nord railroad station, while part of the troops moved on trucks.

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[redacted] A memorial for Stalin was attended by about 4,000 men. 3

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4. The following columns passed the road bridge in Magdeburg and proceeded toward a westerly direction:

At 8 p.m. on 22 April: 6 BA-64 armored scout cars, and 2 trucks.

At 9:15 p.m.: 1 sedan and 44 motorcycles.

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[redacted] On 24 April, a train with AAA and motor vehicles stood at the Rothensee railroad station, headed north. [redacted]

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5. After 26 April, the unit wearing black-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets started vacating the barracks installation in Potsdam-Golm. The unit was entrained at Wildpark station. ⁵
6. On 30 April, the 100-mm AT artillery unit from the former Heeresbekleidungs-lager I, Bernau, too was transferred. ⁶
7. At 10 a.m. on 1 May, a train with 8 T-34/85 tanks 8 boxcars and 1 sedan was seen at the Brandenburg railroad station. ⁷

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1. Comment. The report tends to indicate that, until end of March, the 283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 107th Gds Engr Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were at Hagenow airfield.
2. Comment. The Daimler Plant is unknown.
3. Comment. transfers to Altengrabow of units of the 65th Mort Brig and of the 18th How Arty Brig by rail between 19 and 22 April.
4. Comment. It is believed that movements to Letzling Heath of units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div which were observed from 17 to 21 April, continued . The observation of an AAA shipment on 24 April confirms two shipments of medium AAA of the 3d Gds AAA Div in Magdeburg were loaded on the same day, presumably for Wustrow.
5. Comment. So far, a signal communication battalion of the GOFG and a workshop unit have been carried in the barracks installation in Colm.
6. Comment. Other records tended to indicate that the unidentified AT Arty Brig of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army transferred from Bernau to Templin in six shipments between 21 and 24 April. The shipment mentioned in the present report may have been a train of the brigade that arrived behind schedule.
7. Comment. Possibly, a shipment with tanks of the 10th Gds Tank Div which arrived late at Letzling Heath.
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